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CITY COUNCILLORS FORMALLY ACCEPT NEW WATER WORKS

Large Crowd Gathers to Witness Testing of Water Pressure

Bassano fairly kicked off her swaddling clothes last Saturday when the newly installed water and sewer system was formally taken over by the city dais. At that time final tests were made and everything found to be apparently in first-class condition. The pressure was found to be amply sufficient to meet any emergency, even though the reservoir was not nearly filled.

With good, pure water, and plenty of it, Bassano will begin to take on new life, and it is safe to predict that within a short time she will show a great improvement. There is much yet to do, however, in perfecting the sewage disposal plant, but that will be attended to at an early date.

As fast as the plumbing can be done, houses, residences, and business blocks are being connected up with the water mains, and in a very short time Bassano will be a very flood city, so far as water is concerned.

The delay occasioned by the inability of the sub-contractor to get material delivered was justly and properly overlooked by the councillors, who had made a thorough investigation of the matter, in order that the city's interests should be safeguarded. And after such investigation the councillors voted unanimously to accept the water main, sewage system and are to be highly commended for the careful and efficient manner in which the work has been handled.

In order to protect the city from loss from defective work of any kind that might be discovered at a later date, the company installing the system was required to make bond in the sum of \$6,000 to extend over a period of one year. So it is very apparent that the city's interests have not been allowed to suffer.

When the tests were made last Saturday a hose was attached to a plug on Second avenue, opposite the Hunter hotel and a crowd of several hundred people gathered to witness the stream of Bow river water as it shot high over the tallest buildings.

CITY FIRE FIGHTERS HOLD ROUSING MEETING

On Tuesday night fire brigade held a meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other important business. There was a good attendance at the meeting, which evidences the fact that the boys are preparing for any emergency that may arise. After some discussion it was decided to hold meetings every first and third Wednesday of each month for the transaction of routine business. In calling the boys together for practice a signal of three taps of the fire bell was adopted. For a general fire alarm, five taps or more of the fire bell.

Any person may become a member of the department who is willing to render active service when such service is needed.

Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: Chief, Mr. Cline; assistant chief, Mr. Berry; captain of the chemical engine department, R. T. Gray; captain of the hose department, Oscar Quist.

R. C. Thomson, manager of the Bassano Tinmithing and Plumbing company, who has the contract for the plumbing in Hunter hotel, made the first connection Wednesday night with the new water and sewer mains, when the Hunter hotel was connected up.

ACTION VS. REACTION

Borden Government Is Falling Hopelessly Behind Times

In 1909 Mr. Borden was convinced that the Laurier policy for a Canadian fleet unit was the only proper one for Canada. He supported it so strongly that it was spoken of as the Laurier-Borden policy. The naval question was then out of politics. In 1910 Mr. Borden has come under the influence of the centralists at Downing Street and recanted his faith in the Canadianism of 1909. 1911 Mr. Borden came under the influence of Boursassa and the Quebec Nationalists and promptly hatched the emergency. In 1912 he and his party passed a Canadian sentiment of separatism and demanded \$35,000,000 as the only possible cement of empire. Prevented from committing this folly, Mr. Borden has sulked ever since and done nothing.

Pacing the rail national necessity of easing the burden of the people by a revision of the tariff. Mr. Borden, under the influence of the high tariff fed interests, has done nothing. He has allowed the provinces to control the expenditure provided in the Highway Aid bill. Mr. Borden killed it twice and has utterly refused to do anything for raising up the latter than offend Hon. Mr. Rogers and the grab-quack element in and out of the cabinet. Mr. Borden has forgotten every promise he has made for election excepting provincial natural resources. He has imposed delayed redistribution, while his constituents have been waiting for a gerrymander. He has steadfastly refused to face the people on questions upon which every constitutional precedent demanded they should be consulted. Canada has suffered two years of Tory reactionary drift such as has not been witnessed since the days of the Tupper government.

During these two years the Liberal government in England has steadily wrestled with the Home Rule question, the reform of the House of Lords, the land question, and other tremendous issues, which make a revolution as great as any won by a party in the past.

Inside of eight months after coming to office, President Wilson in the United States has created a moral revolution from excessive protection to comparatively low tariff, while important currency reform is being consummated.

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier has kept abreast with the times. He has recognized the emergency fully in his "Battered" dream of much less importance to Canada than her own domestic concerns, while still recognizing the importance of naval defence.

After the defeat of reciprocity in 1911, Sir Wilfrid Laurier never relaxed his energies for relieving the burden of the Canadian consumer. In the fall of 1912, he toured Ontario and everywhere declared that although reciprocity was defeated, the tariff would not lower; that the people must have tariff relief and wider markets. The course of events since, when the steady increase in the cost of living and tariff reform in the States have vindicated the presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party.

E. H. McCaugherty left Sunday for Kingston, Ont., accompanied by his wife.

W. A. Dutch has gone to his home in Chicago, after finishing his work in connection with the city water works system.

Tops! More Tops and then some more! Tops! all new stock, at the Bassano Drug company's new store.

F. O. Cox, of Kinniswood, was a business visitor in Bassano last Thursday. He reports that the ranchers in that vicinity are very much in need of railway facilities and are going to keep up an agitation until they get it.

Headquarters for Xmas goods! The Bassano Drug Company's new store on corner opposite the Union bank.

"Horace Pindale, of the C. P. R. land department, has just received the province's federal order of revocation. He has been ordered by Mr. Mitchell, a taxidermist in Calgary. It is said to be the finest specimen ever exhibited in this locality, and the animal was shot recently by Mr. Pindale.

The News does not believe in making excuses as a general rule, but we would respectfully ask the public to withhold judgment as to the merits of our publication until we have gotten in good working order. Since taking charge we have had to reorganize our office and also install a new system. And then some new material had to be ordered, which has not yet arrived. When we get thoroughly reorganized we will cheerfully stand our merits and will invite your criticism.

COUSIN HEARS EVIDENCE OF HOS- ING AT KINGSTON

Prisoners Given the Hose Cure— Force of Water Too Fresh From Their Arms.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 9.—That he was subjected to an application of the hose in January and that he has not yet fully recovered from the effects, was the evidence of a convict at the penitentiary commission, hearing here yesterday. He says he was placed in a specially constructed cell and a stream of ice water was played on him for a very minor offence. In his evidence the convict swore that on New Year's night a number of convicts were singing in their cells and he was accused of being guilty. The next day he was taken to the hoisting cell where a stream of water, under 20 pounds pressure, was played on him until he felt unconscious. The shirt was torn from his back and he was suffering from pains in his back and he has been unable to sleep at night. He had been under the doctor's care.

Although at the last meeting of the commission it was said that there had been only one case of hosing in the last 100 days, the witness today brought out the fact that there have been at least five cases of hosing this year. Convicts were heard who testified to being hosed, and everyone told of the horrible treatment. Men are placed in a cell, the corners of which are being walked up, so that the victim gets the full benefit of the stream. Only the undergarment is left on the upper portion of his body, and he is subjected to a continuous playing of the hose until he is overpowered by it. He is then taken out, supplied with a dry suit and sent to his cell.

Was Paralyzed. One convict said that for days after the application he was totally paralyzed in the lower extremities. "I thought I was dying and made my peace with my God in preparation for the end," he said.

This man is said to have received a college education in England. He is 30 years of age, and is serving a third term. He is one of the quartette of desperadoes, transferred from the Manitoba penitentiary and who attempted to escape twice.

Inspector Responsible. From what could be learned these hosing were ordered by Inspector Stewart, who was acting warden in the interval between the resignation of Warden Platt, and the appointment of Warden Irvine from Stony Mountain penitentiary. Although the hosing was permitted, according to regulations, in his testimony sometime ago ex-Warden Platt stated that it was an atrocity, that after one application he had never ordered the form of punishment again. It is altogether likely that Inspector Stewart will be re-sentenced for this evidence.

Another form of punishment which has been in vogue is the tying up of convicts. A refractory inmate is strapped to the bars of his cell, with his hands tied in front of him. This punishment was described by several convicts, but they considered it mild compared to the hosing.

taken from the hall: prove the accuracy of the statement, and adds that the case of a dock bully, in 1912, at Woolwich where the Great Harry was probably lying when destroyed.

No ship is now in existence earlier than Nelson's flagship, the "Victory," recalling to Englishmen British naval early navy, and very probably steps will be taken to preserve this hull as a relic.

BASSANO DRUG COMPANY IN HANDSOME NEW QUARTERS

The Bassano Drug Company has moved into its new home in the Walton block and is getting ready to take care of the business of the community in a manner befitting that progressive firm. When thoroughly settled in this beautiful new building the Bassano Drug Company will have one of the most complete stocks of drugs and druggists' sundries to be found anywhere in Alberta. It will reflect credit on the company and on Bassano as well.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES WILL HOLD BIG SALE

The ladies of the Presbyterian church are preparing to hold a big sale of goods Friday afternoon at the George Gebert building on Second avenue. This is a worthy enterprise and the ladies should be given loyal support, as the proceeds will be used for a good purpose. There will be many useful articles offered for sale at reasonable prices, and anyone wishing to purchase Christmas presents of real value would do well to pay this place a call. Light lunches will be served during the afternoon.

Do your Xmas shopping early. For toys at half price go to STILES, the Druggist.

Mr. R. C. Pegler spent Tuesday in Calgary.

W. A. Brown was a business visitor in Calgary Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Wright was a visitor to the Alberta metropolis Tuesday.

Norman Tate left Saturday for the east, where he will spend Christmas with friends.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO POISON WARDEN OF ALBERTA

Inmates of the Edmonton Prison Find Dynamite Hidden in Bunkies.

EDMONTON, Dec. 9.—Preparations for an attempt to blow up either the Alberta penitentiary or the mines operated for the prison by the Dominion government, were discovered when 21 sticks of dynamite were found hidden in some bunkhouse by one of the prisoners in charge of Guard Britt.

Sneakily packed in a paper box, apparently placed in this manner so that suspicion might not be aroused about the attention of a passively placed in the package, the deadly sticks were hidden in the bunkies on the hill and just above the prison main. It is not thought by the police that they have been there long, as the sticks are quite new, and the hill derrick kept found the box was in contact with the explosives.

The remainder of the prisoners and the guard were only a short distance away and they also would have entered the full force of the shock. After the discovery the guard escorted the prisoners back to the penitentiary, one of their number carried the box under his arm. The warden then sent a number of his men to the hill and had a very thorough search made in order to find more dynamite that might have been hidden in the vicinity.

EXTENSION OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE EXITES MUCH COMMENT

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Ambassador Puga's speech at the Savage club on Saturday has excited much comment here, and is regarded as a formal announcement of the formal extension of the scope of the Monroe doctrine to industrial concessions to foreigners.

The London Standard draws great prominence to the speech and also devotes an editorial thereon, saying: "If this elaboration of the Monroe doctrine is a device by which foreign financial and commercial enterprises in Central America and South America countries may be checked, it will be a most unfortunate thing, for international goodwill which President Wilson and W. J. Bryan have so often advocated with oratorical vehemence."

"A most fruitful source of endless dissension between the United States and other countries with legitimate commercial aspirations in Central and South America can hardly be imagined."

"This latest development of the Monroe policy as an essential part of the Monroe doctrine does not harmonize with the principle of equality of commercial opportunity which all civilized countries have accepted in regard to development of countries in which there is a field for business enterprises."

The attempt to curtail legitimate enterprise in Central and South America countries which the ambassadorial statement of policy appears to indicate, would inevitably exert just reactance in this country."

Read the premium offer of the Bassano Drug company's advertisement in this issue of The News.

Miss Neslin, nurse, returned recently from Boise City, where she had been for some time on professional duty.

Books! Books! Books! We have them, from the picture book to special gift editions in dainty leather bindings. STILES, the Druggist.

E. L. Gedeney, contractor, who had been in the installation of city water works system, left for his home in Minneapolis Monday night.

For Xmas Goods, Toys, Guitars, Dolls, Leather goods and Perfumes, the Bassano Drug company is at your service in our new home on the corner south of the Postoffice.

Mr. Andrew Hedman, of Hinton, was recently appointed commissioner of cattle for the province of Alberta. While in Bassano on business this week he said The News a pleasant call.

Popular entertainment for long winter evenings—Victrola Talking Machine. STILES, the Druggist.

Misses Tina and Velma Webster left Sunday for an extended visit in eastern Canada and the United States. Miss Tina will visit Toronto and will remain until after the military opening in the spring.

No matter whether for grandmother or baby, for "her" or "him," we have an appropriate gift at a low price in our new home on the corner south of the Postoffice. STILES, the Druggist.

Subscribe for The News—the Old Reliable—and get all the news.

CITY COUNCILLORS ELECTION MONDAY KEENLY CONTESTED

Much Interest Was Displayed by Fair Voters in Result of Election.

The election held Monday for city councillors was full of excitement, there being great interest taken by the fair voters of Bassano. There were six candidates in the field and only three to be elected. The voters had a splendid array of material to select from, as the candidates were all men of acknowledged business ability. The final returns show that the contest was a close one, as there were but thirty votes between the low and the high man. E. V. Purcell headed the list, followed by A. T. Connolly and R. H. Struthers, who received an equal number of votes.

Explosive Locked Up

The dynamite sticks are now under lock and key in an outhouse of the penitentiary, and Warden McCauley stated this afternoon that they would be removed to the police station.

That the entire band of convicts, and the guard had a narrow escape from death is without a doubt, as the discoverer of the box was swinging his axe with all his might just at this point. As a matter of fact the discoverer had cut the bushes under which the box was hidden, but the axe landed just a little too high for it to come in contact with the explosives.

The remainder of the prisoners and the guard were only a short distance away and they also would have entered the full force of the shock. After the discovery the guard escorted the prisoners back to the penitentiary, one of their number carried the box under his arm. The warden then sent a number of his men to the hill and had a very thorough search made in order to find more dynamite that might have been hidden in the vicinity.

LADIES' FORTNIGHTLY CLUB GIVES SUCCESSFUL DANCE

The Ladies' Fortnightly Club gave a dance on December 8 at Robinson Hall, which proved to be a very pleasant social affair. This club is noted for the successful manner in which it always conducts such entertainments. The evening was enjoyed by a large number of the elite of Bassano. Among those present were Mesdames Dr. Harris, Joseph Stiles, H. A. McClary, K. M. McClary, J. M. Hinton, R. H. Thomson, Kittling, Struthers, Dyer, Bullmer, McCaugherty, Brimble, Lee, Newnall, George Stiles, A. McKee, Weaver, McGuire, Misses Marie Murchison, Dorothy Lee, Elsie Heaney, "Goss Hennessy, M. Stewart, Ruby Thompson, Wyler, T. Myers, M. Myers, M. Harrell, H. Todd, Messrs. Roy Smith, C. E. Jaxthamer, George Travis, R. A. Harris, Steward, Dave, Jack Playfair, Patrick, J. Simon, Gibson, Gibbons, Plath, Owen, Davis, H. Smith, Tate, Swan, Myers, Malloy, Boyd, Bird, C. Harzel, C. McClary, McCaugherty, Johnson, Gills, McKinnon, and others.

The dance was given at 11:30, which was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. The orchestra, composed of Messrs. Alce Murchison, Mr. Hamilton and R. Murchison, furnished excellent music.

UNRESERVED Auction Sale

At Alberta Stock Yards, East Calgary.

Thursday December 13, 1913 at 1 o'clock sharp. Instructed by Mr. Wesley Hoople, of Calgary, who is leaving for Canada, to sell the following: 200 Head of Horses, 500 Head of Steers, 100 Head of two to six year old Cows, 100 Head of yearling Weathers. The horses comprise: from Kamsloops, 50 Mare, weighing around 1250 lbs. 25 geldings, weighing around 1100 lbs. 10 extra good saddle Horses, 10 Single Drivers. From farm near Calgary, 25 Head of Mare and Geldings around 1100 to 1250 lbs. 25 Head of Mare, weighing around 1100 lbs. 25 Single Delivery Horses, 10 Head of Saddle Horses. The cattle comprise: from Mr. Hoople, 31 Head of choice Cows, 30 Head of good Range Cows, 23 Head of one year old Steers and Heifers, 30 Good Calves. From Mr. Shaw, Ponoka, 1 Carload of good fat Cows, 3 Carloads of good Range Cows, 40 choice two year old Steers and Heifers, 110 choice yearling Steers and Heifers.

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January 3, 4, 5, 1914 for Special Train Leaving Spokane, Wash., Jan. 13

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TO THE PUBLIC

The Bassano News is presented to the citizens of Bassano and vicinity this week under entirely new management. In making its appearance as a candidate for public patronage The News feels that a brief salutatory may not be out of order. The purchasers have carefully considered every phase of the situation and have cast their lot in Bassano with the firm conviction that the town has a bright future and that the citizens will recognize merit in a newspaper. The News will never overlook an opportunity to lend its support to every worthy enterprise, tending to the advancement of Bassano and vicinity. In its efforts to accomplish a great amount of good for the town The News solicits the support and patronage of the business men and feels confident of receiving same. It is the wish of the publishers to at all times be frank in stating their position on matters political and otherwise and may say that politically The News will be found espousing the cause of the Liberal party.

JNO. S. BROOKS.
W. H. CLEMENT.

ENGLAND AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE

Lord Haldane, lord high chancellor of Great Britain, is not only a "good mixer," but he is a man of rare good sense with splendid tact for emphasizing important truths at the opportune moment.

At the annual Thanksgiving dinner of the American Society in London Thursday night as one of the leading speakers of the occasion he adverted to the delicate subject of the Monroe Doctrine, and in the sentiments expressed gave the first public pronouncement of his independence as the spokesman for the British government, that has yet been made by a European power.

In this connection he said that the United States considered herself responsible for the liberties of the smaller nations of the Western Hemisphere, and in the announcement of that doctrine Great Britain realized that its purpose was to secure good government and fair treatment for these countries, and he interpreted President Wilson's policy to mean that the United States was ready to accept the responsibility of insuring good terms herself in those countries and for those who went there, and that the United States had set up high ideals of policy, of justice and of righteousness.

This public pronouncement of acceptance of the principle of the doctrine, with the support that Great Britain is giving the president of the United States in the working out of his policy relative to the Mexican situation, is timely, and its effect will be to cement more closely the ties of friendship existing between the two countries.

The king of Italy in opening the Italian parliament delivered a speech which in some respects might be termed progressive. He announced the success of the recent experiment of universal suffrage, but evidenced the trend of monarchical views as to the policies that are necessary for the support of existing institutions by urging the strengthening of the army and the navy and the placing of Italian finances on a more solid footing. To his end, he appealed to the patriotism of the wealthier classes to "dig" into their pockets a little deeper to help out the national exchequer. Aside from this royal talk, there are many signs which go to indicate that Armageddon is still in the future.

If the cost of living is reduced by the tariff Underwood will go to the Senate with the biggest majority ever given an Alabama politician. If the tariff doesn't cut the cost—well, that's another story, as Kipling says.

The dove of peace has had to fly pretty high the past two years to avoid getting hit by the bullets of hostile peoples bent on exterminating one another. For this reason it is pretty generally understood that the third international peace conference at The Hague, which was to have been held in 1915, will have to be postponed until 1916 or 1917. To the making of such a conference a success, it is necessary that there should be much preliminary work in composing the angry passions of the people of the various nationalities which are now and recently have been engaged in hostilities. It is a long time in the future before we may hope to see the swords beat into ploughshares and the spears into pruning hooks.

The seven wonders of the modern world, according to the vote of some 700 European and American scientists, who were asked by Popular Mechanics to express their opinion, are the following: Wireless, telephone, aeroplane, radium, antiseptics and antitoxins, spectrum analysis and the X-ray. The seven wonders of the ancient world were the pyramids of Egypt, Pharoah (Lighthouse) of Alexandria, hanging gardens of Babylon, temple of Diana at Ephesus, statue of Jupiter by Phidias, mausoleum of Artemesia and the Colossus of Rhodes.

A deputy marshal seized several piano boxes recently which were found to contain whisky and beer consigned to an Oklahoma citizen. This kind

of musical instruments can truthfully be said to be an improvement on the original contents of the boxes, which were mail order brands of alleged pianos, wholesaled at a thousand dollars a dozen and used to inflict death by slow torture on a long suffering but deserving public.

Huerta quotes Napoleon to justify his acts. Well, there is one kind of semblance between them. The civilized world stood agast at Bonaparte's execution of the Duc d'Enghien and the whole civilized world stood agast at the untimely taking off of Madero.

The dear people of Calgary will no doubt welcome the day when the Mewata park matter is finally settled. It has furnished the daily press with plenty of ammunition during the past few weeks.

Editor Woods of The Calgary Herald became a little overzealous in his criticisms of certain oil interests, and for his pains has to answer a charge of criminal libel.

Our observation is, give the ladies all the money they want and they will not only shop early, but during the middle of the day and late also.

Apparatus to simplify the examination of paper money under a magnifying glass has been patented by a California woman.

With the installation of a first-class system of water works Bassano would be justified in feeling just a trifle "puffed up."

A plate sterilizing machine for hotels and restaurants, automatic in its operation, is a Frenchman's invention.

An Oklahoma cow swallowed a purse containing \$280. E pluribus unum! but that was a cud worth chewing!

According to an English scientist X-rays are the most extreme rays at the ultraviolet end of the spectrum.

Great Britain is building the first battleship in which there will be no coal bunkers, oil being the only fuel used.

Why not have cheap fuel in Bassano? A well drilled for natural gas would undoubtedly solve the problem.

TAMPERING WITH TRIFLES

(By Judd Mortimer Lewis)

There's so much Christmas spirit in the air just all the time,
And the wind among the branches seems a-weavin' of a rhyme
With the givin' gladness in it, that it, somehow, just can't rain!
On Thanksgiving there was just a few drops scattered on the pane,
And then the clouds went sky-hootin', miles away,
Like wisps o' smoke,
Like small boys that rings your doorbell an' skedaddles for a joke;
And the sun come out as yellow as it had been just before,
And the blossoms shook bright dewdrops all around your cottage door.

Somehow 'long about this season nature seems just like a girl
That I used to know back yonder, with a little yellow curl
Either hangin' on her forehead or a-dancin' in the breeze,
An' she seems a-comin' to'ards me in tall grass up to her knees,
An' her eyes is full o' gladness, an' her lips is curved in song,
An' her feet are sort o' dancin' to the joy she brings along,
An' her chin is sort o' dimpled, an' her cheeks are all aglow,
And she's lookin' at me sort o' like the girl I used to know.

An' her arms are heavy laden, there's a spray o' carnage red,
An' the petals of pink roses are across her burden spread,
An' there's great big yellow pinks sort o' nestlin' in her arms,
An' there's big old fat old turkeys a-displayin' of their charms,
Peepin' out of heaps of apples and of tangerines an' things,
An' there's grapes, an' there's potatoes, every-thing that autumn brings!
An' I wait her comin', happy in the gifts she brings to me;
I just always see the autumn like a girl that used to be.

And no weather man could have the heart to let it rain these days!
Couldn't set the gutters brimmin', couldn't muddy all the ways;
For the whole world is out shoppin' for its loads o' Christmas toys,
Things for makin' glad the hearts of little girls and little boys,
And, because they are, the weather has to be as sweet an' fine,
An' as golden as a goblet brimmin' over yellow wine;
An' the raindrops that come splashin' on the pane Thanksgiving Day
Was just a joke like boys play when they ring and run away.

THE BASSANO NEWS

STATEMENTS COMPARED BY LEADING IMPERIALISTS

Imperial and Naval Authorities in England Condemn the Borden Plan.

Comparison of statements by leading Imperialists in Great Britain and of Mr. Borden in Canada leads irresistibly to two conclusions:—That Mr. Borden is absolutely wrong in his centralizing naval policy and that his whole trend of thought is of a reactionary nature, repellent to the mother country, as well as to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Mr. Borden has out-Toried the Tories in his anxiety to get back to conditions which made the Family Compact a name of evil repute in Canada.

Mr. Richard Jebb, the famous English naval and imperial authority, on November 4th issued an appeal to the British Admiralty to abandon "its present policy of naval centralization and return to the plan of well organized co-operative alliance as laid down in the admiralty memorandum to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1909."

Proceeding, Mr. Jebb says: "Free choice for Britain and compulsory choice for the Dominions. Is that their prescription for securing unity of the Empire under federation? The difference between 'may' and 'shall' is just the difference between the late liberty which made and sustained the present Empire and the new intolerance which by the abuse of loyalty would turn the Dominions into subject countries."

Admiral W. H. Henderson, "Chief Imperial Federation is secured, which will, I think, take much longer than ten years, the only form of naval policy under existing conditions which the motherland and her daughter nations can adopt must be on the lines undertaken by the Australian Commonwealth, by the absence of any 'taxation without representation,' by ignoring which we lost the American colonies."

Admiral Fremantle:—"The admiralty at the request of the Commonwealth, sent out Sir Reginald Henderson to confer with the Australia

government, and his proposals, parties, and were carried out by the labor government today, so that the Australian navy is now in fair way to completion while suitable defenses and training establishments are being established. Surely this is an object lesson in the right course to adopt, and the enthusiasm of naval defense in the Commonwealth is in strong contrast to the unfortunate political difficulties in which Premier Borden has been involved in his endeavors to meet the Admiralty's views."

In the light of these statements how wide of the mark are the words of Premier Borden, on the closing day of parliament, "In view of the fact that these proposals were made by the government of Canada upon information which they had received from the British government through the Admiralty, which they regarded as disclosing grave conditions, it may be possible in the future to make right that which has been made wrong at the present. It is the first intention and determination of this government, to bring down at a later date proposals for the acquisition or construction of three battleships as was proposed in the Naval Act Bill of 1912. Canada will take over and pay for and acquire these ships and will place them in the disposal of His Majesty the King."

LET LAW TAKE ITS COURSE

It will be interesting to watch the efforts of the Tories to prevent hearing of the Chateaugay election trial. By invoking every possible legal hindrance to the courts of justice they delayed the Macdonald protest from November 18th, 1912 until November 11th, 1913, with the result that for a year the ruling was misrepresented, with a man sent to parliament by such notorious corrupt methods as even Hon. Mr. Rogers did not dare defend them on court. The same "Master of the House" had charge of that night's "suspicious methods" were practiced by the same men who had worked in Macdonald. Will Mr. Macdonald, before the expected majority to follow, the Macdonald precedent throughout.

It may be possible by a system of fine objections and appealing technical decisions from court to court to delay the Chateaugay protest until a general election is in sight. Will

Premier Borden dare again to float hearing of election petitions, and public opinion in this way after his to provide for the thorough investigation of corrupt practices?

A New Meat Market

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Tory M. P. Actually Wants Mr. Borden to Fulfill His Promises

Another blow has come to the Borden government, the most unexpected of all, when R. B. Bennett, M.P. for Calgary, in his annual address to his electors, had the temerity to promise that he would resign his seat unless Mr. Borden kept some of his pre-election pledges. Mr. Bennett was particularly anxious to get the provincial natural resources out of the hands of Hon. Mr. Rogers and his clique, and intimated that he would vacate his seat speedily unless Mr. Borden handed them over to the western provinces. In 1907, Mr. Borden denounced the Liberal government for retaining control of public lands in the new western provinces, and declared, "We shall advocate and maintain the unimpairment maintenance of all powers of self-government which have been conferred upon the provinces of Canada under the constitution."

The only move bearing upon provincial rights made by Premier Borden in his more than two years of office has been the Highways Aid bill and the Agricultural Aid bill, in each of which he tried to attack provincial rights by retaining control of money in his own hands. In each case it was only the activity of the opposition which protected the provinces' rights. Mr. Borden used to say that if he ever formed a government it would not be 24 hours old before he would move to give the western provinces their natural resources. His government is now 25 months old and nothing has been attempted. No wonder Mr. Bennett protests to be disgusted.

In his further remarks, Mr. Bennett was not so happy. He declared he had voted to prevent Mackenzie and Mann with over \$15,000,000 in order to keep the Canadian Northern out of the hands of the receivers. The records show that Mr. Bennett voted consistently against the Liberal amendments which provided that this money should be a loan, or if it must be a clear gift, the Canadian Northern should give some return in the way of increased government control of the western lines and reduction of western rates to the same level as those in the east. A good many people in the west as well as the east would like to know why a loan of \$15,000,000 would not have been

equally efficacious to keep the Canadian Northern out of the hands of the receivers, or whether conceding the equalization of rates and government control in British Columbia would have forced the road into liquidation.

Apparently Mr. R. B. Bennett, M.P., is merely bluffing in the effort to make his constituents believe that he is trying to kill his leader's bluff.

WHY TAX EGGS

A good instance of the injustice of the present system of taxing food is furnished by the egg market. There is a duty of three cents a dozen on eggs, presumably to help the Canadian hatcheries to overcome the severe climate that shuts off her winter activities. In Montreal this week there was agitation because strictly fresh eggs were being sold around 60 cents a dozen, with the probability that they would go up to 75 cents before the winter was over.

In reply to public clamor, the leading egg brokers took stock of the position and issued a statement. This showed that there were only 31,796 cases of eggs in storage at Montreal; that the average consumption for Montreal was 7,000 cases a week, and the first Canadian supplies of eggs could not be expected until March 1st next. That is, the present supply will be exhausted under normal conditions by January 1st, and between that date and March 1st every egg eaten in Montreal will have to be imported, probably from the southern States, where the spicier climate encourages cheap egg production.

Practically similar conditions prevail at every big centre of population in Canada. For years past the Canadian hen has not produced enough eggs to supply the population, and every winter the large cold storage firms have had to import thousands upon thousands of cases. The position is simple. In summer, when the Canadian harvesters are productive, there is no need for protection of eggs. In winter there is no need of it because there is practically no production to protect—for the same climatic reason that oranges are not grown here. Why then should the public be compelled to pay three cents a dozen to the government on top of the already extortionate price of eggs? Why should the invalid poor, to whom fresh eggs might mean prolongation of life, be taxed this way for the benefit of one but not an extravagant administration?

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RELAXATION OF PROSPERITY AND ENORMOUS TAXATION

Prices Decreased in United States and Canadian Exports Jumped.

As regards the tariff, Canada is rapidly approaching a similar position to that suffered from in 1896—and it is significant that just as in 1896, before the Liberals came to power, trade was languishing, so today there is a dropping off in trade, a relaxation of general prosperity, tight money, enormous taxation, and high prices. It has been the custom of the Conservative to declare that the Liberal government did not reduce taxation. This is absolutely disproven by figures published by that well known Conservative, Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of customs.

According to this report, in 1896, when the Liberals came to power the percentage of duty on the total value of goods entered for consumption, both dutiable and free, was 18.28. Immediately there was a drop in taxation and by 1897 the percentage had dropped to 17.87.

The records for the following years are of considerable interest since they show a steady decrease during the Laurier administration until it reached its lowest point in 1911. The last year of Liberal rule, and immediately thereafter show a steady rise until the year just passed the percentage of duties collected had gone up to 17.03, or not far from the point from which they had receded in 1896.

Year	Percentage
1897	17.87
1898	16.95
1899	16.70
1900	16.98
1901	16.06
1902	15.59
1903	15.87
1904	16.28
1905	16.04
1906	16.07
1907	15.60
1908	16.27
1909	16.11
1910	16.24
1911	15.37
1912	16.00
1913	17.03

The extraordinary manner in which trade with the United States has developed in comparison with our British trade since the Borden government came to power is even more marked. It is evident that the "No trade nor truck with the Yankees" was conceived merely for election

purposes. After the Liberals came to power in 1896 Canada collected \$10,657,992 duty on imports of \$384,742,828 from the States. By 1911 this had increased to a collection of \$37,354,727 on imports of \$284,534,739, an increase of about fivefold in 15 years. With the advent of the Borden government came the enormous jump. For 1912 the duty on imports from the States was \$46,177,344 on goods to the value of \$336,354,478, while for last year the government collected duty amounting to \$68,929,893 on imports from the States of \$441,162,399—practically doubling in two years.

No such record is apparent in Canadian trade with Great Britain. For years before the Liberal government came to power imports from the Mother Country had steadily declined. In 1896 duty amounting to \$7,358,314 was collected on imports from Great Britain of \$32,979,742. The Fielding tariff and the British preference soon changed this. Decreases stopped, and by 1911 duty amounting to \$20,766,810 was collected on British imports valued at \$109,936,462. There has been a slight increase since 1911, but nothing comparable to the States. Last year our imports from Great Britain amounted to \$138,761,508, on which duty to the extent of \$27,128,908 was collected.

The total duty collected by the Liberal government in 1897 at the close of its first year was \$19,809,596. This had grown to \$73,312,357 by 1911, the close of its last year—duties collected on imports less than quadrupling in 15 years. Immediately on the coming to power of the Conservative government there was a tremendous increase in duties, collections growing to \$87,556,036 in 1912, or about six times as much as in 1897.

The natural result of Conservative administration is thus strikingly manifest in the great increase of percentage of duties collected and the enormous increase in taxation. "Small wonder that the Department of Labor figures showing the relative cost of general staple goods entering into the cost of living, reveal that as compared with prices of ten years ago (figured at 100) prices today stand at 136.8 with a jump of almost 1 point since September and nearly two points during the year. An extravagant Conservative government naturally means increased cost of living.

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"Sir Wilfrid's words should be emphasized on the annual of the country. He declared: 'I have no recrimination to make. The problem is before us. There are duties here. The situation requires action, prompt, unhesitating action. The policy I give you at this moment, the policy I believe every patriot in Canada ought to support, and the policy I believe it to be the duty of the Government to immediately inaugurate is the policy of absolutely free food, free from customs duties.'

That is a clear, distinct policy. There is no shuffling or high sounding verbiage as in Mr. Borden's tariff talk. When the Liberals return to power they will take off the last vestige of duty from food, so as to enable every Canadian to obtain his living as cheaply as possible. After that measure of relief has been given the naval question will be taken up by the Liberals where they left it in 1911, but with the natural progress, demanded by events.

Sir Wilfrid's declaration of policy has been received with universal applause throughout Canada, and has caused confusion amongst the Conservatives, who realize that the Lib-

eral leader has recognized the sore spot in the body politic and has chosen the best and promptest means to remedy it.

AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT CANADA

OTTAWA.—The Census and Statistics Office has issued today the usual bulletin upon agricultural conditions throughout Canada as reported by correspondents at the end of October. The report gives estimates of the areas, yields and values of root and fodder crops, of the area sown to fall wheat for next year's harvest, of the proportions of alfalfa completed this fall and of the average summer fallow in 1913.

The total area under root and fodder crops (potatoes, turnips, mangolds, etc., hay and clover, alfalfa, fodder corn and sugar beets) is placed at 8,693,000 acres, and the total value of the products from this area at \$187,399,100. The estimated total yields and values of these crops are: potatoes, 76,200,000 bushels, value \$27,379,000; turnips and other roots, 73,000,000 bushels, value \$20,103,000; hay and clover 10,050,000 tons, value \$14,780,000; fodder corn 2,456,300 tons, value \$2,895,000; and sugar beets 161,000 tons, value \$959,000. These figures are provisional, as finally corrected returns, based on the census of 1911, will be available for publication at the end of the year. The average yields per acre for the Dominion are reported as 165.85 bushels for potatoes as compared with 172.19 bushels for last year, 34.12 bushels for turnips and other roots as compared with 40.51, 132 ton for hay and clover as compared with 147 ton, 8.64 ton for fodder corn as compared with 10.25, and 2.44 tons for alfalfa as compared with 2.79. It will be recalled that last year's wet season was especially favorable for roots and fodder crops.

In quality all these crops are marked as about 90 or above 90 per cent of the standard, excepting fodder corn, which is 85.

The potato yield is highest in New Brunswick, 244 bushels, and lowest in Ontario, 119 bushels. The area estimated to be sown to fall wheat for the crop of 1914 totals 1,006,700 acres, as compared with 1,086,800 acres, the area estimated to have been sown in 1912 for 1913. This represents a net diminution for the five provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia of 80,000 acres or 7.37 per cent. Ontario, where nearly seven-tenths of the crop

is grown, remains practically stationary, the estimated total reduction being only 2,000 acres from 696,000 acres. There is a diminution of 1,100 acres in the two provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, offset by an increase of 6,000 acres, making 78,000 acres in Saskatchewan. The bulk of the reduction is therefore in Alberta, where the acreage is estimated as 229,000 as against 312,000, or a decrease of 83,000 acres—nearly 27 per cent. Correspondents attribute this decrease to the excessive amount of winter killing of fall wheat during the last three years, in consequence of which many farmers have given up this crop altogether. The condition of fall wheat for all Canada averages 93.47 per cent of a standard, Manitoba and Saskatchewan showing the best condition with 95 and 96 points respectively.

The percentage of fall ploughing completed compares well with last year, when, however, the conditions were exceptionally unfavorable. The percentage ranges from the lowest of 30 in Saskatchewan to the highest of 70 in Quebec. In Manitoba and Alberta the respective percentages are 38 compared with 27 last year, and 44 compared with 24.

As compared with 1912, all the provinces devoted a smaller area to summer-fallow excepting Prince Edward Island and the three Northwest provinces, where the increased percentages are from 2 to 5.

ARCHIBALD BLAIR,
Chief Officer.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 9.—Denver is snow-bound tonight. At 7 o'clock tonight the United States weather bureau reports from 20 to 24 inches of snow had fallen, with no prospect of a cessation for ten hours. Since mid-afternoon street car traffic has been blocked. Thousands were marooned in the downtown district tonight. Suburban trains were reported from three to eight hours late, and overland trains from four to six hours late. No attempt was being made to send out any trains.

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